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With reference to India, consider the following statements: 1. Government law officers and legal firms are recognised as advocates, but corporate lawyers and patent attorneys are excluded from recognition as advocates. 2. Bar Councils have the power to lay down the rules relating to legal education and recognition of law colleges. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1 only. Corporate lawyers and patent attorneys can be advocates; statement 1 over-excludes.

(b) Official key

2 only. Bar Councils (especially BCI) frame legal-education rules and recognise colleges.

(c)

Both. Statement 1 fails the Advocates Act.

(d)

Neither. Statement 2 is the Advocates Act design.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. Enrolment as an advocate is not denied merely because one is a corporate lawyer or patent attorney. Bar Councils do lay down legal-education rules and recognise law colleges.

Related possible facts

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Advocates Act, 1961

Enrolment; BCI and State Bar Councils.

BCI

Legal education rules; inspection and recognition of centres of legal education.

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